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Customer No. 27683

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:	§
Udeshi, et al.	§
Serial No.: 10/698,178	§
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Filed: October 31, 2003	§
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR	§
PROCESSING A HIERARCHICAL	§
DATA TREE	§

Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to commencing examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.